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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German PS 199 17 102

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were identified and discussed at page 2 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. These references also were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Translations of these references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification, each reference has an English language abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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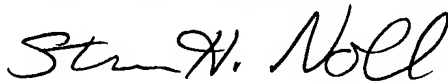


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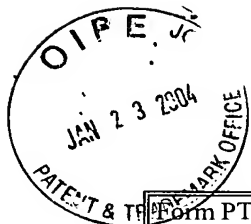
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